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To the Chairman and Members of the Hartley Wintney Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1969.

The population continues to grow, the increase this year of 1,800 being the second highest ever recorded. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) at 579 is the highest ever. Although this is almost entirely due to there having been fewer deaths, it is not entirely a matter for congratulation, and the birth rate at 23.9 per 1,000 is well above the national rate. However, illegitimacy is well below.

Plans are proceeding for the main drainage of Hartley Wintney, Hook and Rotherwick and it is hoped that work will start in 1971.

The new District Hospital at Basingstoke opened during the year although not yet at full capacity and work on the Frimley Hospital has begun. It seems inevitable that the small cottage hospitals will have to close. This combined with the system of early discharge from the main hospitals is going to throw a heavy burden on the relatives of sick people. The Hampshire County Council Health Department is trying to increase its Home Help Service - unfortunately about to be taken over by the Welfare Department under the Seebohm re-organisation of the Social Services - but in a Rural Area much of a Home Help's time can be wasted in travelling. The most useful approach seems to be an extension of the Good Neighbour arrangement, whereby any suitable person living near the patient can be employed when the need arises.

There was no undue illness in the District during the year except for some influenza in late December.

The Council was asked to support a campaign for fluoridation of childrens milk as an alternative to the water supply. It was felt however that more research into the project would be needed before the Council could agree.

Dr. McNeil resigned as Medical Officer of Health in October. I was appointed Acting Medical Officer of Health to the four Districts of North East Hampshire previously covered by him, in addition to my other duties, until a successor was appointed and was still acting at the end of the year.

I am very grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and to Mr. Hill, the Clerk of the Council, for their encouragement and forbearance during this difficult period, and to Mr. Davies and the Staff of the Public Health Department for so ably carrying on the work.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

I. H. C. MORTON,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

August, 1970.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	50,261 acres
Population	36,930
Number of inhabited houses (Domestic)	10,643
Sum represented by penny rate (1969/70)	£5,800
Rateable value at 1st April, 1969	£1,411,102
Rateable value at 31st March, 1970	£1,495,073
General Rate (1969/70)	11s.5d.

VITAL STATISTICS

		Rates for England and Wales
Births		
Total (including 28 illegitimate)	875	
Rate per 1,000 population	23.7	
Rate adjusted by comparability factor (1.01)	23.9	16.3
Illegitimate as percentage of total	3	8
Still-births		
Total (including 1 illegitimate)	5	
Rate per 1,000 all births live and still	6	13
Total All Births	880	
Deaths		
Total	296	
Rate per 1,000 population	8	
Rate adjusted by comparability factor (0.99)	7.9	11.9
Infant Deaths		
Total (under 1 year) all legitimate	7	
Early neo-natal (under 1 week)	4	
Infant Mortality Rates		
Total (per 1,000 live births)	8	17
Early neo-natal (per 1,000 live births)	5	10
Perinatal (still-births and early neo-natal per 1,000 all births)	10	23
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	Nil	

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of mid-year population was 36,930. An increase of 1,800 on last year. The excess of births over deaths was 579. The growth of population in recent years is shown below:-

Year	Population	Total Increase	Natural Increase
1962	26,950	1,300	228
1963	27,460	510	288
1964	29,210	1,750	364
1965	29,560	350	401
1966	30,540	980	431
1967	33,530	2,990	470
1968	35,130	1,600	542
1969	36,930	1,800	579

Analysis of Causes of Death	Male	Female	Total	1968	1967
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	1	-	1	1	-
Cancer - Buccal Cavity Etc.....	-	1	1	-	-
Stomach.....	1	4	5	9	6
Intestine.....	-	6	6	-	-
Lungs.....	13	5	18	14	15
Breast.....	-	2	2	3	5
Uterus.....	-	2	2	1	4
Prostate.....	1	-	1	-	-
Leukaemia.....	3	-	3	6	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms.....	9	4	13	38	28
Other Diseases of Blood Etc.....	1	-	1	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System....	2	5	7	35	51
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.....	1	1	2	-	-
Hypertensive Disease.....	1	-	1	6	5
Ischaemic Heart Disease.....	38	31	69	-	-
Other Forms of Heart Disease.....	4	15	19	33	32
Cerebrovascular Disease.....	20	29	49	82	42
Other Diseases of Circulatory System.....	6	11	17	13	7
Influenza.....	2	4	6	3	-
Pneumonia.....	5	12	17	28	18
Bronchitis and Emphysema.....	13	2	15	9	16
Asthma.....	1	-	1	-	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System....	2	3	5	4	2
Peptic Ulcer.....	1	1	2	1	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia...	1	-	1	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver.....	2	-	2	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System..	1	1	2	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	1	1	2	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate.....	1	-	1	1	2
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue..	-	1	1	-	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System.	1	2	3	-	-
Congenital Anomalies.....	-	1	1	5	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour Etc..	3	-	3	1	-
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions.	2	-	2	16	23
Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	3	1	4	10	12
All Other Accidents.....	3	6	9	7	4
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	-	2	2	2	1
	143	153	296	327	285

The total number of deaths is less than in 1968 and Coronary Disease has claimed rather fewer but it is still well above the levels of previous years.

Lung Cancer is again prominent and will continue so as long as cigarette smoking persists.

There were two accidental deaths of small children and three from respiratory infection.

The commonest causes of death are shown in the table below, together with the figures for 1968:-

	1969		1968	
	No.	%	No.	%
Total deaths	296	100	327	100
Diseases of heart and circulatory system	108	36.5	134	41
Cerebro-vascular	49	16.5	35	10.7
Respiratory disease	44	15	44	13.4
Cancer	51	17.2	71	21.7

Infectious Diseases

The following table shows infectious diseases notified during the past four years.

	1966	1967	1968	1969
T.B. Pulmonary	6	4	3	2
Dysentery	8	1	-	3
Food Poisoning	1	4	5	6
Scarlet Fever	5	6	10	2
Whooping Cough	-	3	13	1
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	2
Measles	80	817	~~118~~ 41	40
Leptospirosis	-	-	-	1
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	2

Measles

Vaccination against Measles was introduced in May, 1968 and 897 children were vaccinated during that year. The winter of 1968-69 should have seen a measles epidemic but in fact there was a great reduction in the expected number. No doubt the big epidemic of 1967 left a high level of immunity in the population, but the vaccination must receive a big share of the credit.

Shortage of supplies held up the programme during 1969 and some public interest was lost. It is hoped that parents will bring their children during 1970, before the next likely epidemic in 1971.

Leptospirosis

This is an unusual and severe form of jaundice often associated with water contaminated by rats. In this case, the patient had been on ditching work and it was known that a dog has been affected.

Food Poisoning

There was one family outbreak and two isolated cases, all widely separated in time and place. A third patient contracted the illness on holiday abroad.

Immunisation and Vaccination

The following table show the number of children immunised during the year against the various diseases:-

Year of Birth	Triple		Diph.Tet.		Polio		Measles		Smallpox	
	P.	B.	P.	B.	P.	B.			P.	Re.Vacc.
1969	25	-	-	-	15	-	-	Under 1	14	-
1968	313	12	1	5	321	6	134	1 - 2	165	-
1967	29	69	-	8	37	19	161	2 - 4	62	9
1966	3	16	1	3	8	12	153	5 -15	28	78
1965/62	7	189	8	497	19	658	261			
Under 16	2	23	1	331	10	540	194			
TOTALS	379	309	11	844	410	1,235	903	TOTAL	269	87

No B.C.G. vaccination was done during the year.

GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

Home Help Service

The number of cases dealt with in the combined areas of Hartley Wintney and Fleet was:-

Aged Sick and Infirm.....	178
Chronic Sickness.....	28
Emergency Sickness.....	19
Post Hospital.....	24
Child Care.....	1
Maternity.....	40
	289

With the opening of the new District Hospital at Frimley (in 1972) there will be a heavier load on the service, due to the system of early discharge. The Hampshire County Council are studying the problem of providing and training this extra help.

The Home Help Organiser is Mrs. P. M. Roberts, 107 Fleet Road, Fleet. (Telephone Fleet 6513).

National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 - Section 47

No action was called for under this section.

Infectious Diseases

The nearest Infectious Diseases Hospital is the Northfields Isolation Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot, (Telephone Aldershot 21365), to which cases of Infectious Diseases are sent.

Ambulance Service

Hartley Wintney is a sub-station with one ambulance controlled from Central Control in Winchester (Telephone Winchester 61644).

Professional Nursing in the Home and Domiciliary Midwifery

District Served	Name and Address of Nurse
Attached to Drs. Singer and Partners - mainly in Yateley itself.	Mrs. K. A. Carroll, 20 Farm View, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey. (Telephone Yateley 2258) All discharges to Yateley 2333
Attached to Drs. Singer and Partners.	Mrs. F. B. Delahunty, Avenida, Plot 4 Vigo Lane, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey. (Telephone Cricket Hill 4430.)
Attached to Drs. Price, Evans and Henley.	Mrs. C. H. Christie, Rosina Cottage, Crowthorne Road, Crowthorne, Berks. (Telephone Crowthorne 2086)
Covers Parkhill, Frogmore, East Green Estates, Darby Green and remainder of unattached work in Yateley.	Mrs. M. P. Devereux, 137 College Road, College Town, Camberley, Surrey. (Telephone Camberley 23833)
Bramshill, Hartley Wintney, Elvetham, Winchfield, Heckfield, Mattingley, Riseley, Rotherwick, Hazeley Heath and Bottom, West Green, Eversley.	Miss A. M. E. Clarke, 1 Hound Green Close, Mattingley, Basingstoke, Hants. (Telephone Heckfield 354)
Hook, Newnham, Nateley Scures, and Murrell Green.	Mrs. E. J. Brown, 1 Cedar Cottage, Greywell, Basingstoke, Hants. (Telephone Odiham 2572)
Odiham, Greywell, North Warnborough.	Miss M. A. Neal, No. 1 Nurses' Flats, Queens Road, North Warnborough, Basingstoke, Hants. (Telephone Odiham 2629)

Health Visitors for the District

Attached to Group Practice of Drs. Dobbin, Mathewson, Crawshaw, Poyntz-Wright and Aubrey of Fleet.	Miss D. L. Heath, 69, Weston Road, Woodbridge Hill, Guildford, Surrey. (Telephone Guildford 65217)
Odiham, Hook, Hartley Wintney, Winchfield, Greywell, Dogmersfield, Hartfordbridge.	Miss M. Phillpot, 10 Queens Road, North Warnborough, Basingstoke, Hants. (Telephone Odiham 2189)
Attached to Practice of Drs. Newell-Price and Collings-Wells of Fleet.	Mrs. Z. E. M. Collyer, 61 Ferndale Road, Church Crookham, Aldershot, Hants. (Telephone Fleet 5655)
Blackwater and Yateley, attached to Drs. Singer, France and Walker. Surnames A - K.	Miss K. J. Davies, 22 Hearsey Gardens, Rosemary Lane, Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey.
Blackwater and Yateley, attached to Drs. Singer, France and Walker. Surnames L - Z.	Mrs. P. McKinney, "Chiltern", Vigo Lane, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey. (Telephone Yateley 2103)

Health Visitors for the District (Continued)

Attached to Drs. J. Price, Evans and Henley, Blackwater.	Miss J. Beresford, No. 2 Nurses' Flats, Queens Road, North Warnborough, Basingstoke, Hants. (Telephone Odiham 2429)
Attached to Drs. J. Price, Evans and Henley, Blackwater.	Miss F. Battersby, 136 Fairview Road, Ash Hill Estate, Ash, Aldershot, Hants. (Telephone Aldershot 23903)
	All post should be addressed to:- 51 Frogmore Road, Darby Green, Camberley, Surrey.
Attached to practice of Drs. Trust, Morrison, James and Hudson for Hartley Wintney and Heckfield areas.	

Hospital Services

There are three hospitals in the district.

(1) Odiham Cottage Hospital (Winchester Group)
8 beds and 1 Cot including 1 private ward

(2) Yateley and District Hospital (Farnham Group)
14 beds and 1 private ward

(3) Winchfield Hospital (Farnham Group)
(This is a hospital of 166 beds, mostly for chronic sick patients)

Chest Clinics

(1) Northfields Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot

Monday

9.15. a.m. - Old Patients.
11.00. a.m. - New Patients.

2nd Monday every month	2.30. p.m. to 3.15. p.m.	- Special Bronchitis Clinic.
One Monday every month		- B.C.G. Session.
One Monday every month		- Post B.C.G. Session.

Tuesday

2.00. p.m. - 3.15. p.m.	-	Old Patients.
9.15. a.m. - 10.30. a.m.	-	Urgent New Patients.

Wednesday

1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday every month at Fleet Hospital. 1.45. p.m. - 3.45. p.m.	-	Old and New Patients.

Thursday

9.15. a.m.	-	Old Patients and Urgent New Patients.

(2) Basingstoke General Hospital, Hackwood Road, Basingstoke.

Friday

9.00. a.m. - 12.00. noon	-	Old Patients.
2.00. p.m. - 4.00. p.m.	-	New Patients.

V.D. Clinics

(1) Aldershot General Hospital, St. George's Road, Aldershot.

Males	- Monday	-	11.00. a.m. - 1.00. p.m.
	Wednesday	-	4.00.p.m. - 6.00. p.m.
Females	- Monday	-	11.00. a.m. - 1.00. p.m.
	Wednesday	-	2.00. p.m. - 4.00. p.m.

(2) Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester Out Patient Annexe.

Females	- Monday	-	2.00. p.m. - 4.00. p.m.
Males	- Thursday	-	3.00. p.m. - 4.00. p.m.

(3) Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

Females	- Wednesday	-	4.00. p.m.
	Saturday	-	2.00. p.m. - 4.00. p.m.
Males	- Wednesday	-	2.00. p.m.
	Saturday	-	4.00. p.m.

Speech Clinics

School Speech Clinics are held at Aldershot and Basingstoke.

Aldershot

The School Clinic,
St. George's Road East. - by appointment.

Basingstoke

Brambly's Grange Health Clinic. - by appointment.

Eye Clinics

These are a Regional Hospital Board responsibility administered through the County Council. They are held at The Aldershot General Hospital and Brambly's Grange Health Clinic, Basingstoke, by appointment.

Laboratory Service.

The service for this area is divided between the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester (Telephone Winchester 3807. Director - Dr. M. H. Hughes and Public Health Laboratory, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading (Telephone Reading 52957). Director - Dr. J. V. Dadswell.

Child Welfare Centres		Day held (2.00. p.m.)
Church Crookham	Elizabeth War Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane.	Every Tuesday p.m. (A.C.M.O.) Every Friday 9.30. a.m. to 11.30. a.m. only 1st and 3rd Fridays A.C.M.O.
Blackwater	The Surgery, Hartley Corner, Darby Green.	Every Tuesday and Friday (Dr. J. Price)

Child Welfare Centres (Continued)

Eversley	Village Hall.	1st Tuesday.
Frogmore	Darby Green and Frogmore Social Hall, Frogmore Road, Blackwater.	Every Wednesday. (1st, 3rd and 5th A.C.M.O.)
Hartley Wintney	Edward Hall.	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
Hawley	Memorial Hall, Main Road.	2nd and 4th Wednesdays (A.C.M.O. each session)
Hook	(1) Elizabeth Hall, Raven Road.	1st and 3rd Tuesdays (A.C.M.O. 1st only)
	(2) Bellmeadow Estate surgery, Station Road.	(Patients of Dr. James only) 2nd and 4th Thursdays
Odiham	(1) The Surgery, High Street.	(Patients of Drs. Harward and Haselden only) 2nd and 4th Fridays 2.00. p.m. - 4.00. p.m.
	(2) Stations Sick Quarters, R.A.F.	1st and 3rd Wednesdays (A.C.M.O. each session)
Yateley	(1) W.I. Hut, Reading Road.	Every Thursday (A.C.M.O. 2nd and 4th)
	(2) The Surgery.	(Patients of Drs. Singer and France only) Every Tuesday (Dr. Singer)

Orthopaedic Clinics

A Surgeon's Clinic adminstered by the Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton, is held at the School Clinic, St. George's Road East, Aldershot, as required. Remedial Clinics are held at the Aldershot General Hospital.

Surgeons and Remedial Clinics are also held at Basingstoke General Hospital, Hackwood Road, Basingstoke. Attendance at these clinics are by appointment from the respective Hospital.

Dental Treatment

All expectant and nursing mothers and pre-school children may receive a dental inspection and treatment on application. All school children are examined regularly by the County Dental Officer and treatment is carried out in the mobile dental clinics at schools in the area, attendance by appointment only.

Any cases requiring emergency treatment can also be seen at either the Dental Clinic, St. George's Road East, Aldershot, (Telephone Aldershot 24104) or Bramblys Grange, Health Clinic, Basingstoke, (Telephone Basingstoke 21877) or the Dental Clinic attached to the Courtmoor Secondary School, Fleet, (Telephone Fleet 6363).

Child Guidance

Clinics are held by appointment only at:-

(1) Manor House Health Clinic,
Manor Park, Aldershot.

(2) Brambly's Grange Health Clinic,
Basingstoke.

Family Planning Association

Clinics are held at Manor Park, Aldershot on every Friday of the month, from 10.00. a.m. - 4.00. p.m.; at Brambly's Grange Health Centre, Basingstoke, on the first four Fridays of the month at 1.30. p.m. - 4.00. p.m. and the second Thursday of the month, from 5.30. p.m. - 7.00. p.m.

Cervical Cytology

Clinics are held at Manor Park House, Aldershot, and Brambly's Grange, Basingstoke, for women aged 35 years and over, who wish to undergo a simple test for early detection of cancer of the womb. Appointments for these clinics are made with the County Medical Officer, The Castle, Winchester.

H A R T L E Y W I N T N E Y

R U R A L D I S T R I C T C O U N C I L

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR 1969

(GENERAL AND WET SCAVENGING SERVICES)
(to 31ST MARCH, 1970)

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Hartley Wintney,
Hants.

D. J. DAVIES, M.A.P.H.I.,
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit my annual report for 1969 including the refuse collection and wet scavenging services to 31st March, 1970.

The general work of maintaining the environmental health standards of the district has continued and all animals slaughtered for human consumption have been inspected.

The only legislation passed during the year which had any major effect on public health work was:-

Clean Air (Emission of Dark Smoke) Regulations, 1969

Public Health (Recurring Nuisances) Act, 1969

The first of these has caused a serious problem for one of the major car breakers in the district who has contracted to remove cars from twelve neighbouring authorities. It took several months to find the practical answer to the destruction of cars in a smokeless manner and the planning aspect has not yet been resolved.

A great deal of time was spent during the year preparing for and assisting the work study officers of the London Boroughs' Management Services Unit who undertook the task of producing an incentive bonus scheme for the refuse collection and wet scavenging service. It was also necessary during the year to arrange the re-siting of a number of caravans at Easter Ross which were in the path of the motorway. Information was gathered regarding contamination of ditches in Rotherwick to support the Council's case for main drainage. The Odiham Public Convenience was subject to a certain degree of vandalism in the early part of the year which, although the cause was never found, eventually stopped.

The only ice cream manufacturer in the district ceased to operate and a number of new shops opened in Yateley.

The North East Hants and West Surrey Working Party on refuse disposal reported to the participating authorities during the year with recommendations for securing adequate arrangements for the future.

Finally I should like to record my appreciation to all members of the department for their assistance during the year and particularly in their daily contact with members of the public.

I am Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D. J. DAVIES

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

August, 1970.

HOUSING

The duties of the Council in dealing with houses unfit for human habitation under the Housing Act, 1957 have been carried out when necessary. There are no large groups of properties suitable for clearance areas at the present time, and all properties have been dealt with as individual unfit houses. All the owners concerned were co-operative and it was not necessary to institute legal proceedings in any case. During the year the following 18 premises were either demolished, restored or closed:-

Premises Demolished

Keepers Cottage, Minley, Hawley.
11 Woodside, Hawley.
12 Woodside, Hawley.

Properties Restored

Lower Pitham Cottage, Heckfield.
1 and 2 Riseley Mill Cottages, Heckfield.
1 and 2 The Banks, Heckfield.

Properties Closed

Two Flats at Oaklands, London Road, Hartley Wintney.
Hollytree Cottage, London Road, Blackwater.
Cottage, Bogie Corner (Bennett), Heckfield.
Lower Pitham House, Heckfield.
1 and 2 Firtree Cottages, Hazeley Heath, Mattingley.
The Old Bakery, Hazeley Row, Mattingley.
Cottage (Neville), Hillside, Odiham.
Shepherd Cottage, The Street, North Warnborough.

Properties which are unfit come to the notice of the department through general inspection of the district and housing applications and 6 were downgraded to this category during the year. Since the unfit housing survey of 1955 a total of 287 premises have been dealt with.

Council Housing - Letting

The department is responsible for the allocation of Council houses through the Committee and the following statistics are supplied for information:-

New applications accepted in 1969....	270
Applications refused.....	31

The state of the housing waiting list at 31st December, 1969 was as follows:-

Flats.....	50
Nil/one child.....	280
Two or more children.....	117
	447

The total number of families re-housed during the year was 192 in the following parishes:-

Crondall.....	5
Crookham.....	1
Hartley Wintney.....	66
Hawley.....	1
Hook.....	3
Odiham.....	8
South Warnborough.....	1
Winchfield.....	2
Yateley.....	105
	192

Rent Act, 1957.

No applications were received to issue certificates of disrepair.

Public Health - General

Nuisances

The complaints received by the department under the broad heading are many and varied. They range from general housing defects such as leaking roofs and dampness to noise nuisances and insect infestations. All complaints were investigated and dealt with informally which requires time, tact and patience.

Drainage

No additional surveys were made during the year because of the heavy financial commitment involved for the improvement of Odiham, Hook and Hartley Wintney sewers and sewage works. Special attention was paid to sampling effluents of cesspools in Rotherwick to ensure that the main drainage scheme would be allowed to proceed.

Water Supply

The district is supplied with main water by the Mid-Southern Water Company and I am grateful to the Chief Engineer for the following report:-

"Water was supplied to the whole rural district by the Mid-Southern Water Company from wells in the chalk at their works at Greywell, Itchel and Lasham.

The supply was continuously laid on under pressure and was satisfactory as to quantity and quality. The water was softened at the sources before distribution so as to comply with the statutory limitation of hardness of 12° Clark and chlorination is applied at all sources.

Chemical and bacteriological examinations of the raw and treated waters were regularly and frequently made by the Company's resident chemists and bacteriologists in their laboratory and independent examinations were also made by an independent laboratory. All samples were satisfactory.

The waters do not have any plumbo-solvent action.

No reliable information is available for this particular area of the population supplied, but the number of connections was approximately as follows:-

Parish	1969
Bramshill	33
Crondall/Crookham	932
Dogmersfield	126
Eversley	446
Greywell	121
Hartley Wintney (Elvetham Ward)	32
Hartley Wintney	1,273
Hawley	2,185
Heckfield	59
Hook	874
Long Sutton	111
Mattingley	137
Odiham	1,038
Rotherwick	211
South Warnborough	116
Winchfield	131
Yateley	4,236

No information is available as to the number of houses supplied by standpipes."

Independent Water Supplies

A few properties in the district have their own individual shallow wells and these are sampled as occasion demands.

Parish	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Heckfield.....	2	-	2
Mattingley.....	4	4	8
	6	4	10

Caravans

There are 8 licensed caravan sites in the district used for permanent occupation. These provide 333 hardstandings and regular inspections are made to ensure the conditions of the licence issued by the Council are complied with. The caravan sites are situated as follows:-

Oaklands Park, Frogmore, Yateley..... (Mr. C. L. Phillips)	104
Blackbushe Park, Dungells Lane, Yateley..... (Laundspach Property Company)	85
Martins, Sandy Lane, Cove..... (Mr. C. A. J. Martin)	38
Hill Corner Farm, Sandy Lane, Cove..... (Mrs. E. A. E. Watson)	33
Chilton Farm, Fleet Road, Cove..... (Mr. R. W. Yeomans)	30
Hook Common Post Office, Hook..... (Mr. R. Cousins)	23
Kingsbridge Meadows, School Road, Hook..... (Mr. H. Buckland)	12
Sheila's Cottage, Mill Lane, Yateley..... (Mr. L. J. Young)	8
	333

Individual Caravans

In addition to the larger sites there are 17 single caravans licensed for living accommodation. These are mainly used for specific purposes, e.g., in connection with agriculture. These caravans are also subject to certain standard conditions and routine visits are made. A site licence automatically expires when planning consent ends.

FOOD PREMISES

As will be seen from the following table there are 221 food premises in the district. Routine visits are made and the general standard throughout the district is a good one. Most occupiers are aware that attractive well laid out premises are conducive to good business and there have been a number of improvements to existing shops during the year. Consultation with builders and shop fitters usually takes place in the case of new premises:-

	No. of Premises
Cafes and Restaurants.....	22
Hotels and Public Houses.....	62
Off Licences.....	5
Butchers and Fishmongers.....	20
General Provisions.....	49
Greengrocers.....	12
Confectioners.....	14
Fish Friers.....	4
Bakehouses.....	2
Canteens.....	31
	221

Registered Premises

The Council is required to register premises where ice cream is manufactured or sold, and some 95 sell pre-wrapped ice cream manufactured by the larger firms outside the district. The only ice cream manufacturer in this district ceased to operate during the year.

In addition 25 premises are registered for the manufacture of sausages, cooking of hams etc.

Unsound Food

The inspection of foodstuffs on sale to the public was undertaken. Most unfit food is brought to the notice of the inspectors by shopkeepers themselves who are keenly aware of their responsibilities. The following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the department:-

Fish and Shellfish.....	1,703½	lbs.
Fresh Meat.....	113	lbs.
Tinned Meat.....	37	lbs.
Bacon.....	33	lbs.
Sugar.....	462	lbs.
Tinned Fruit.....	28	lbs.
	2,376½	lbs.
Frozen Foods.....	1,063	packets
Meat Pies.....	384	

Milk

The local authority is responsible for registering premises where milk is retailed and there are 31 in the district. There are no pasteurising plants in this area. A total of 31 samples were taken of which 2 failed the statutory tests and were referred to the authority where the milk was produced.

Meat Inspection

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the district at Odiham. All carcases were inspected and the throughput totalled 1,852 animals.

Poultry Processing

There are no poultry slaughterhouses in the district.

Knackers Yard

The licensed premises at Hook were inspected regularly throughout the year and are well maintained, clean and records were up to date. These animals are not for human consumption, the meat being used for pet foods after sterilisation. The total throughput of 1,026 animals was recorded.

FACTORIES

The Council is responsible for enforcing standards of sanitary accommodation in factories where mechanical power is used and for certain other matters in non-powered factories. Visits were made during the year but no contraventions were found. There are no registered outworkers in the district.

The following factories are in the district:-

(a)	With mechanical power.....	90
(b)	Non-powered factories.....	4
		94

Out Workers

There are two persons registered in the district carrying out work in their own homes.

Offices and Shops

Occupiers of premises used for these purposes must register with the local authority if persons are employed for more than 21 hours a week. The following statistics are taken from the Council's annual return to the Ministry:-

	No. of registered premises	No. of persons employed
Offices.....	40	139
Retail Shops.....	122	452
Wholesale shops, warehouses.....	1	6
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.....	33	174
Fuel storage depots.....	2	10
	198	781

RODENT CONTROL

During the year a total of 643 treatments were carried out for the destruction of rats and mice in the district. This includes 135 agricultural holdings and the remainder were either dwelling houses, local authority or business premises. The rodent control service is free to all domestic properties, the others being charged on a time and labour basis.

Contracts

The system of contracts, mainly with farmers and large establishments, was continued. Regular inspections are carried out each month and treatment is undertaken when necessary. An annual payment is made to the Council for this service by the owners and this amounted to £538 in 1969. The number of properties covered by the contract system was 61.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The regular weekly 'kerbside' collection of household refuse has been maintained throughout the year. Alternative collections were provided to those parishes where the collecion day fell on Bank Holidays and each householder was notified by placing a leaflet on the dustbin. The collection of special items other than domestic refuse was again fully used. This additional service, which is free, enables occupiers to dispose of bulky articles, e.g., refrigerators and pianos etc.; in all some 834 visits were made. The amount of refuse increased by 15 per cent to 90,185 cubic yards due to the development in the district mainly at Yateley.

As the refuse collection service grows it is becoming more difficult to ensure adequate control with the limited administrative staff employed. Day to day control is looked after by one foreman, who is also responsible for the wet scavenging and rodent control services, and by myself or my deputy. As the service has to be maintained on a reliable basis it is usually necessary to drop all other work to deal with any adverse situation.

Work Study

The service was work studied during the year by the London Boroughs' Management Services Unit. A thorough examination of the work was carried out and an incentive

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bonus scheme was produced. Unfortunately due to a substantial pay award last September and the existing bonus schemes on salvage and extra duty pay, the employees did not find the scheme attractive enough to accept.

Labour

The number of men employed on this service was 29 the same as the previous year. There were nine changes in staff and although the service was short on occasions during the year the service did not suffer due to shortages. I think too that the nucleus of conscientious workmen, some have been with the Council for many years, provides the stability to keep the collections so regular. Absenteeism is very low in spite of the arduous and monotonous nature of the work and at times the severe weather conditions.

Vehicles

The Council have seven modern refuse vehicles, of which one is used as a reserve. Since 1963 a larger type of lorry has been purchased capable of containing more refuse; if these vehicles had not been bought the Council's fleet would now consist of at least 10 vehicles with subsequent increased costs.

Disposal

All domestic and trade refuse was disposed of at Hazeley Heath on the controlled tip. One machine a Bray Loader 540 and one driver is employed. As from 1st April, 1968, the Council agreed to take the refuse of a neighbouring authority, Fleet Urban District Council. The control of tipping crude refuse and the shortage of finding suitable sites prompted the formation of a Working Party in North Hampshire and West Surrey to examine the problem. We have held a number of meetings during the year and it is hoped that the Local Government Research Unit will be engaged to make a detailed study of the problem.

Salvage

The Council's salvage scheme consisting of the sale of paper, cardboard, rags and metal continued to operate and the income was £4,195. During the year the bonus on sales for the refuse collectors was increased to 30 per cent and each man received 17/- a week. This extra amount to their basic wage has helped to retain staff and the separation of clean paper assists in disposal at the tip.

WET SCAVENGING

This service for cesspool emptying and bucket emptying has remained very much the same as the preceding year. The total number of cesspools on the record cards is 1,599 only 6 less than the year before. Some 47 cesspools were visited for the first time and the reduction is due to the completion of the main sewer in Eversley and connections thereto. The number of cesspools emptied was 3,632 amounting to 10,437 loads which is equivalent to 1968/69 figures. The Council provide two free emptyings a year, one in each six months, and a charge of 10/- for the first load and 5/- for each subsequent load for any additional emptyings. Cesspools of properties within the sewered areas received no free emptyings and a full charge of 30/- per load was made. There are three tankers and six men on this service and the average bonus per week each was £1 5s. 3d.

They also undertook the emptying of certain bucket closets once or twice a week the total being 62, which is 10 less than the previous year.